The Ulster Medical Journal

The Journal of the Ulster Medical Society. First published in 1932. Successor to the Transactions of the Ulster Medical Society (1884–1929), and the Transactions of the Belfast Clinical and Pathological Society (1854–1862)

Editorial Board

INGRID V ALLEN, MD, FRCPath DB ARCHER, FRCS

AB ATKINSON, BSc, MD, FRCP RSJ CLARKE, PhD, MD, FFARCS

JR HAYES, MD, FRCP CJF RUSSELL, BDS, FRCS

TG PARKS, MCh, FRCS NC NEVIN, BSc, MD, FFCM, FRCPath, FRCPEd, FRCP

W THOMPSON, BSc, MD, FRCOG PM REILLY, MD, FRCGP, MICGP

Hon Editor

DAVID R HADDEN, MD, FRCPEd, FRCP
The Metabolic Unit, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast BT12 6BA

Hon Assistant Editor RJL WILSON, MD

Hon Treasurer

MJJ GORMLEY, MD, MRCP Mater Hospital, Belfast BT14 6AB

Sub Editor Mrs EILISH DORAN, BA, ALA

The Ulster Medical Society was founded in 1862 by the amalgamation of the Belfast Medical Society (founded 1806) and the Belfast Clinical and Pathological Society (founded 1853)

THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

- 1. Authors are reminded that concise and clearly expressed papers are those most welcomed by readers and the Editorial Board. All manuscripts are independently refereed.
- Manuscripts should be typewritten in double spacing, with wide margins. They should be fully
 corrected and alterations in proof may be disallowed or charged to the author. A sample
 typescript showing layout is available on request from the editorial office. Three copies of each
 manuscript should be submitted, including tables and figures.
- 3. The text should indicate the purpose of the paper, and should include an introduction, sections on materials and methods, results, and a discussion relevant to the findings. A brief factual summary should be provided at the beginning of the paper.
- 4. Scientific measurements should be in SI units (*Units, symbols and abbreviations; a guide for biological and medical editors and authors,* 3rd ed. London: Royal Society of Medicine, 1977). Blood pressure may be expressed in mmHg and haemoglobin concentration as g/dl.
- 5. Tables must be kept simple and vertical lines should be avoided. Tables and illustrations must be kept to a minimum and data should not be given in both text and tables. Line drawings should be used where possible and symbols must be large enough to be legible when reduced to text size. Where possible, size of illustrations and tables should be planned so that one or more can easily fit the page size of 19·5 × 12·5 cm. Photographs and other illustrations should be unmounted, and authors may be charged for these at cost price. Authors' names and the top of the figure should be marked in soft pencil on the back.
- 6. References should be restricted to those really necessary and useful. This journal uses the 'Vancouver' style (see British Medical Journal 1982; 1: 1766-70 and Lancet 1979; 1: 429-30). Text references are numerical. Each reference should include:
 - i) a list of all authors when six or less (when seven or more only the first three should be listed followed by et al).
 - ii) the title of the article.
 - iii) the title of the journal (abbreviated to the form published by Index Medicus).
 - iv) the year;
 - v) volume number:
 - vi) first and last pages.

eg

McCoy GF, Dilworth GR, Yeates HA. The treatment of trochanteric fractures of the femur by the Ender method. *Ulster Med J* 1983; **52**: 136-41.

Book references should give the author, title, edition, town of publication, name of publisher, year of publication, and, where appropriate, volume and page numbers.

- 7. Twenty-five reprints of each article will be forwarded free of charge to the corresponding author. Further reprints can be obtained from the printers, Messrs Dorman & Sons Ltd, 1-3 Holmes Street, Belfast BT2 7JG, who should be approached directly.
- 8. Editorial communications should be sent direct to the Editor who will be pleased to advise on the preparation of manuscripts if requested.
 - Fellows and Members of the Ulster Medical Society receive the Journal free. Individuals may subscribe directly (see back page). The journal contents are covered by *Current Contents: Clinical Practice, Index Medicus, Excerpta Medica* and *Science Citation Index.* This publication is available in 16mm and 35mm microfilm and 105mm microfiche from University Microfilms, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106, USA.
- 9. For reprint information in the United States contact: International Reprint Corporation, 968 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Apt 268, PO Box 12004, Vallejo, California 94590 USA. Telephone (707) 553 9230, Fax (707) 552 9524.
- © The Ulster Medical Society, 1993.

THE ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY

Whitla Medical Building 97 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 7BL

If you are not a member of the Ulster Medical Society, we would appeal to you to give the question of joining your consideration. The Society was formed in 1862 through the amalgamation of the Belfast Medical Society (founded in 1806 and revived in 1822) and the Belfast Clinical and Pathological Society (founded in 1853). Meetings are held in the Society's room in the Whitla Medical Building at fortnightly intervals from the autumn to the spring. There is an opportunity to meet informally after each lecture and enjoy a cup of tea. The Ulster Medical Journal, the official organ of the Ulster Medical Society, is issued to all Fellows and Members free of charge.

By joining the Ulster Medical Society you will enable us to widen its influence and sphere of usefulness still further. The only requirement is that you should be registered under the Medical Acts. A proposal form will be found overleaf. Your proposer and seconder should belong to the Society. Please contact the Honorary Secretary if you do not know any members. The annual subscription is claimable against income tax.

Anyone may enter their name as a subscriber to *The Ulster Medical Journal*. without joining the Society. See overleaf for details.

J F McKenna, President.

J I LOGAN, Honorary Secretary.

M J J GORMLEY, Honorary Treasurer.

MEMBERS £10.00. All medical practitioners registered under the Medical Acts who graduated in medicine less than eight years before the date of their membership application shall be eligible for election as Members. At the end of the eighth year after the date of medical graduation, Members shall become Fellows and shall pay the Fellows' subscription.

FELLOWS **£25.00.** All medical practitioners registered under the Medical Acts who graduated in medicine eight years before the date of their membership application shall be eligible for election as Fellows.

If a husband and wife are members of the Society they shall, on application, be entitled to pay a joint annual subscription of £30.00.

Retired Fellows who have paid a full annual subscription for twenty or more years shall, on application, be entitled to pay a reduced annual subscription of £10.00.

Ties, cufflinks and brooches bearing the crest of the Society may be obtained from the Honorary Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Any individual wishing to take out a direct subscription may

do so. The cost is £30.00 for one volume (two numbers) of

the Journal. Please apply for a banker's order to:

THE HONORARY TREASURER, ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY, WHITLA MEDICAL BUILDING.

97 LISBURN ROAD, BELFAST BT9 7BL, NORTHERN IRELAND.

EXCHANGES:

Exchange journals and all relevant correspondence should

be addressed to:

ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL,

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MEDICAL LIBRARY.

INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL SCIENCE,

GROSVENOR ROAD, BELFAST BT12 6BJ, NORTHERN IRELAND.

MEMBERSHIP:

All Registered Medical Practitioners may apply for Fellowship

or Membership of the Ulster Medical Society. Applicants

should complete the form below and return it to:

THE HONORARY SECRETARY, ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY, WHITLA MEDICAL BUILDING,

LISBURN ROAD, BELFAST BT9 7BL, NORTHERN IRELAND.

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP OR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ULSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY

Please enter your full name as recorded by the GMC.	This form may be photocopied
Forenames	Surname
Address	
	Postcode
Degrees Date	e of Graduation
Proposer (Print) Seco	onder (Print)
	A4 1 C.1 CU . A4 U

Your proposer and seconder should be Fellows or Members of the Ulster Medical Society. Please contact the Honorary Secretary if you have difficulty in finding a proposer or seconder.

[©] The Ulster Medical Society, 1993.